DODGES ROAD GRAFT CHARGE

INSPIRED ODELL STATEMENT WHICH ANSWERS NOTHING.

Says That Gov. Flower Approved a Highway Manual Bill-Doesn't Say That Flower Forced the Book on Townships at a Profit of \$20,000 to the Compiler.

Governor-Chairman Odell, having got tired of challenging Attorney-General Cunneen, caused this statement to be issued last night from Republican State headquarters in the hope of softening the charge of Attorney-General Cunneen that Charles H. Betts of Lyons, Odell's State committeeman for the Thirty-first district, as compiler of nighway manuals had a job in which there was \$20,000 of graft:

Attorney-General Cunneen, for partisan effect, asserts that the act of the last Legislature providing for the compilation, publication and distribution of the State highway manual is unconstitutional.

The facts relative to the highway manual of this State may be briefly summarized as follows: In 1893 the State Legislature, a Democratic Legislature, passed an act providing for the compilation, publication and distribution of a State highway manual. The bill was signed by Gov. Roswell P. Flower. Prof. Charles A. Collin, head of the statutors revision commission and legal adviser to Gov. Flower and Gov. Hill during their terms, was appointed as one of the compilers and publishers of the highway manual under said

act.

This was in 1893 when the question of good roads had hardly begun to be discussed. There was at this time no widespread interest in the subject of good roads as there is to-day; and yet a Democratic Legislature saw fit to pass an act providing for the compilation, publication and distribution of a State highway manual, and Gov. Flower signed the bill. The Democratic statutory revision commission passed upon and approved its constitutionality.

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Prof. Charles A. Collin, William F. Shechan's law partner, who was at the head of the revision commission, not only passed upon the constitutionality of the act, but accepted an appointment under it as one of the compilers and publishers of the highway manual. His Democratic associates on the statutory revision commission, Judge John J. Linson and Danisi Magone, concurred in his opinion of the 'aw's constitutionality and also received an appointment under the act.

This distinguished Democratic authority is in direct conflict with the opinion expressed by Attorney-General Cunneen. Charles H. Betts, who is at the head of the revision department in the Assembly, was designated to compile, publish and distribute the highway manual under the act of 1904, precisely as Prof. Charles A. Collin was designated under the act of 1893, when at the time of his appointment he was at the head of the statutory revision commission.

Since the highway manual was issued in 1893 nearly all the good roads laws have been passed and nearly one hundred new statutes have been enacted on the subject, all of which, together with the lattest scientific information on scod road building.

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This statement does not answer Attorney-General Cunneen's last charge of grait, which declares:

This morning I have several letters from town officers and others stating that a large number of highway manuals are being distributed to highway and town officers in this State which have not been ordered, and asking me by what authority it is being done and who is expected to pay for the books.

The history of this enterprise affords another and an excellent illustration of the process of "perversion of public funds" under the color of law.

It appears that Mr. Betts farmed out the work of compiling the manual to Messrs. Gilbert & Cummings, attorneys of Albany. N. Y. I am informed that he paid them \$500 for doing the work. He had the book printed and bound in Rochester. N. Y. His neighbors inform me that the entire cost to him of the \$5,000 copies is in the neighborhoo i of \$14,000; that he has fixed the price of these books to the town at \$1 per copy, and that the fob will net him a clean profit of \$20,000. As to the charge against Betts, this statement of the Governor-Chairman merely save that Gov. Flower and his legal adviser, Charles A. Collin, believed such a bill to be constitutional. Attorney-General Cunneen declares that such legislation is unconstitutional and that he so protested to Gov. Odell. It is not the first time that lawyers have differed over constitutional cuestions. Governor-Chairman Odell's last statement, moreover, does not utter a syllable against the official or personal interrity of Flower or Collin, during whose administration there was not even a hint of graft.

NO SPEECHES FROM CLEVELAND.

He'll Help the Party All He Can in Other Ways-Authoritative Announcement.

In the last few days many reports have been circulated about the attitude that Grover Cleveland will take in the campaign so far as the making of speeches is erned. It has been stated from time to time that Mr. Cleveland would speak at such and such a meeting, and next day the report has been denied.

Yesterday George F. Parker, chief of the literary department of the Democratic national committee and a personal friend of Mr. Cleveland, made this authoritative statement:

Every report which represents Mr. Cleveland as about to go on the stump is absolutely without authority either from him-

land as about to go on the stump is absolutely without authority either from himself or from the Democratic national committee. These reports naturally have the effect of misleading the public, and must be annoying to Mr. Cleveland. He has announced at all times that he would do all in his power to promote Democratic success, but that he ought not to be expected to make speeches. He is profoundly interested in the election of Judge Parker, as he has already must effectively declared in published articles, so that misrepresentation of his position is impossible.

But this position will be still further defined in many proper and efficient ways of communication before the close of the campaign. He has no purpose of shirking any such discussion of the issues as his health will permit, and which will also be consistent with his relation to the party and to the public by reason of his position as an ex-President. But it cannot be announced too empatically, or with too much authority, that he will not make speeches at any time or in any place, and that all reports conveying such an intimation are incorrect. The public should not he misled, and Mr. Cleveland should be sparred all importunity in this line.

DEPEW IN POUGHKEEPSIE.

He Addresses a Republican Mass Meeting

in the Opera House. POUGHREEPSIE, N. Y., Sept. 30 .- Senator Chauncey M. Depew addressed a Republican mass meeting in the Opera House in this city to-night, and he was greeted with cheers and applause. The Fenator said he had been making "agricultural lectures" throughout the State and he had never seen better prospects for the election of

the Republican candidates.
"No party," said Mr. Depew, "has ever won an election by means of insinuations and charges. I have found in my tour of the State a large number of young voters who are going to support Mr. Roosevelt for the reason that in him they find an insufration."

Money to Bet on Roosevelt and Herrick. Fred H. Schumm of Fulton street, Brooklyn, has \$5,000 to place on Herrick at even money. Yesterday there were no Higgins men in sight who had confidence enough in Odellism to put ther money on the Governor-(hairman's candidate. Schumm has also \$10,000 to place on Roosevelt at odds of 10 to 6, with no takers.

Brooklyn Democratic Rally To-night.

A Democratic meeting will be held tonight at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn. It will be the last opportunity the Democrats will have to use the building, as it has been secured by the Republican campaign committee from Monday until election day. Congressman John Sharp Williams is the star.

Decision in Wisconsin Case Put Off. Madison, Wis., Sept. 30 .- The Supreme Court adjourned to-day until Oct. 15 without taking action on the La rollette case.

TO RUN FOR CONGRESS: H. P. Whitney Undecided-Hearst Sure

Harry Payne Whitney had not decided last night whether or not he would accept the nomination to become the Democratic candidate in the Thirteenth Congress district. He is to give an answer to-day, but it is certain that if business associates have any influence with him he will decline

A man closely allied to the financial interests in which Mr. Whitney is concerned said yesterday that the business demands on Mr. Whitney's time would not permit of his taking the nomination.

At the Tammany Congress conventions, be held next Monday, these nominations ill be made: Timothy D. Sullivan
William Sulzer
W. Bourke Cockran
Jacob Ruppert, Jr.
Henry A. Goulden lighth district.

There have been rumors that Charles F. Murphy would not agree to the nomination of William R. Learst in the Eleveuth district, but it can be stated that Tammany, at the request of Judge Farker himself, will not oppose Mr. Hearst's renomination.

There is a sharp fight in the Fifteenth district, now represented by W. H. Douglas (Rep.), between Stewart M. Brice and George W. Loft for the Democratic nomination. Because of stories that the nomination will go to the many ho can put up the largest appropriate contribution it is prob-

tion will go to the man who can put up the largest campaign contribution it is probable that neither will get the nomination. The lightning may strike Congressman Jefferson M. Levy instead.

In the Fourteenth district Congressman Rider will be replaced by Charles A. Towne. In the Seventeenth district, now represented by Francis E. Shober, there will be a fight. Each of the three Tammany leaders in the Congress district has a candidate.

There will be few changes in the nomina-

didate.

There will be few changes in the nominations to be made for the Assembly on October 5. As far as could be learned last night, the only men to be superseded are John F. Curry of the Seventeenth district and William H. Hornidge of the Twenty-second.

YOUNG MEN FOR ROOSEVELT. They're Not Scared Off by Talk of His

Strenuosity, Says Senator Thurston. Senator John B. Thurston of Nebraska who has been on a three weeks trip through this State, returned to town yesterday. Speaking of his observations in the State,

"The Republicans will certainly make

"The Republicans will certainly make large gains among the first voters. The young men are especially enthusiastic for Roosevelt. They love a man who does things. Instead of being scared by the charge that he is too strenuous and impulsive, such a charge is a positive charm to the boys, who believe in strenuosity when it is directed along the lines of patriotic effort.

"I find, also, a strong disposition on the part of many of the more ardent Bryan followers either to support Watson or to vote directly for Roosevelt. Everywhere the most absolute confidence is felt in Roosevelt's election and that he will receive also the electoral vote of New York. I find the Democrats apathetic, and many of them openly express the belief that the Democratic ticket has no chance." cratic ticket has no chance.

ASSEMBLYMEN TO DROP OUT. Many Changes Likely in This Year's Republican Candidates.

At the Republican Assembly district conventions, to be held on Oct. 6, several Assemblymen elected at the last election will drop out.

In the Nineteenth district, Charles F. Bostwick will not run again. In the Thirty-first will be a fight in the convention. In the Twenty-first Joseph H. Adams does not want a renomination, and Josiah T. Newcomb of the Twenty-third may refuse

APPEAL TO REPUBLICAN CLUB. Barnes Goes as Odell's Emissary to Bog Help for the State Ticket.

At a special meeting held last night of the members of the Republican Club, William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the Republican State committee, personally appealed to the members to help Governor-Chairman Odell and himself to carry the State ticket that Odell imposed on the Republican State convention. As a result of the appeal the members pledged lves to do all in their power to put ife in the campaign.

William Pitt Earle for State Senator. UTICA. Sept. 30.-The Democratic convention for the Twenty-third Senatorial district (Herkimer-Otsego), held at Richfield Springs this afternoon, nominated William Pitt Earle of New York city and

Richfield Springs. Moody to Stump Seven States.

Attorney-General Moody has put his services at the disposal of the Republican national committee. He will speak in seven States, beginning in Massachusetts on

GEN. CORBIN'S FAREWELL.

Reception at the New Clubhouse Governors Island.

Major-Gen. H. C. Corbin, who starts today for San Francisco in his way to the Philippines, where he will take command, held a farewell reception last night at the new clubhouse on Governors Island.

Gen. Corbin is to be succeeded in command by Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, who will command the Divis on of the Atlantic and until the arrival of ten. Wade, who is on his way from the Philippines, will be commander of the Department of the East

commander of the Department of the Dast by virtue of his seniority.

The new cluthouse where the reception was held was recently completed at a cost of \$40,000. It is part of the old recreation building, which dates back over 100 years.

The upper part of the new wing contains a ballroom and officers' club, while below

a ballroom and officers' club, while below are bowling alleys and a reception hall for the enlisted men. The reception was held in the ballroom, and there was a ripple of applause when the dancing began and the first couple christened the new floor.

At the head of the receiving line were Gen. and Mrs. Corbin. Gen. and Mrs. Grant and the wives of the officers of the post.

Among the guests were Miss Helen Gould. Commissioner McAdoo, with his wife and daughter; Gen. and Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCook Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs. A. Muller Ury, Mr. and Mrs. Untermyer. ex-cov. Anen of Porto Rico and Mrs. Allen, and Admiral Rivet and staff from the French flagship Dupleix.

from the French flagship Dupleix. The Weather.

The pressure continued low over the country yesterday from the upper Mississippi Valley east-ward over the Lake regions to northern New York, he centre of depression being in Canada, moving out of the St. Lawrence Valley. Cloudy weather and scattered thunderstorms prevailed in the lower Lake districts. A few thunderstorms also occurred in sections of Kansas and Nebraska. Elsewhere over the country the weather was fair. The pressure continued high in the Middle and South Atlantic States and in the Rocky Mountain region. The temperature was higher in nearly all districts, except the Northwest and the Lake

an districts, except the Northwest and the Lake regions, where it was slightly cooler. In this city the day was fair and slightly warmer; winds fresh to brisk southerly; average humidity. 72 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.70; 8 P. M., 29.55.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official information, is shown in the annexed table: 9 A. M. 67° 53° 6 P. M. 63° 12 M. 70° 66° 12 Mid. 64°

Highest temperature, 73°, at 2 P. M. WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO DAT AND TO MORROW For eastern New York and New England, fatt o day and to morrow; diminishing west winds: For the District of Columbia, castern Pennsylvania. New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Vir-ginia, fair to day and to morrow; fresh west to northwest winds.

For western Pennsylvania and western New York, fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh west winds,

WISCONSIN AND INDIANA SAFE

ENCOURAGING REPORTS REACH THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Factional Fight in Wisconsin Will Not Endanger the Electoral Ticket-Secretary Shaw Declares That Not a West-

ern State Will Go Democratic. WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 .- President Roosevelt told Representative Cooper to-day that although he was deeply interested in the success of the Republican party in Wisconsin there was no condition under which the Federal Administration could consent to be drawn into the factional

troubles in that State. "The President told me," said Mr. Cooper. after a visit to the White House, "that the Administration desires the support of every loyal Republican, and has no intention of directly or indirectly espousing the cause of either side in Wisconsin. There is no occasion to do so and no desire to do so.

Mr. Cooper was met at the White House by Horace A. Taylor, one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury and a veteran Republican campaigner. The Congressman was a little cautious about discussing the factional toubles in Wisconsin, although he said freely that the electoral

ticket was not in danger.

Mr. Taylor, on the other hand, handled the question without gloves. It was plain from what he said that he and other "Stalwarts" in Wisconsin would vote for a Demo-crat as between a Democrat and La Follette. Mr. Taylor agrees vith Congressman Cooper that the chances of Roosevelt and Fair-

that the chances of Roosevelt and Fairbanks are not endangered by the bitter factional fight in the State.

R. J. Tracewell of Indiana, the Comptroller of the Treasury, met Mr. Taylor to-day and began to talk about Republican prospects in the Hoosier State.

"Why, Indiana," he de-lared, "will give Roosevelt as big a majority as McKinley had."

Then he read Assistant Secretary Taylor Then he read Assistant Secretary Laylor a lecture, extolling the beauties of harmony and deploring the factional strife in Wisconsin. It endangered the party's success, he said, and the Republicans of the State ought to forget their differences.

"I will bet you a box of the best cigars," retorted Mr. Taylor, "that Wisconsin gives Roosevelt and Fairbanks a bigger majority by 10 000 than Indiana." 10,000 than Indiana." Mr. Tracewell looked rather sheepish, but

took the bet.
Shortly after Mr. Cooper and Mr. Taylor left the White House the regular semi-weekly meeting of the Cabinet was held. As was the case at the meeting last Tuesday, some time was devoted to political discus-

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who is enjoying a breathing spell of two or three days between speeches, but who will resume his work on the stump next week, told the President of his observations in the West. He expressed the opinion that not a single Western State will be found in the Democratic column the Democratic column.

Secretary of War Taft, who was present, joined in the discussion. He left to-night on an extended stumping tour.

TACKLE PUSHCART PROBLEM. Dr. Woodbury Hears Suggestions at the East Side Civic Club.

The pushcart pedlers of the East Side were discussed at a meeting of the East Side Civic Club in Grand street last night. Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury was there and listened to a good many suggestions from merchants and others. He talked a little, too.

Most of the speakers came to the conclusion that pushcarts were a nuisance. Commissioner Woodbury was strongly of the opinion that something should be

"Public thoroughfares should not be used for private purposes, he said. "The pushcarts interfere with the Fire Department and with the Street Cleaning Dement and with the Street Cleaning Department as much as they do with the public. We can't have them in the street.

"But no one is willing to give up a good thing unless something better is given him. There are nearly 7,000 pedlers making their living in the streets. To dispose of them is a problem, and I trust conferences of this character will eventually bear fruit."

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Health Commissioner Darlington was present, but declined to talk. He had a stenographer take notes of the speeches, and when they have been transcribed he will study them for ideas.

Thomas Murphy, who represented the pushcart dealers from the Wall street section, suggested that each pedler have his photograph taken as a means of identification by the police. Mr. Schumfeldt, an East Side merchant, objected.

"You couldn't do it." he declared. "They'd have their picture taken the first week they landed, and then when they shaved off their beard you wouldn't know him."

When the meeting was about over Malcolm R. Burney, leader of the Christian Endeavor Society of the De Witt Memorial Church, arcse.

"Mr. President," he said, "if the city ordinances were enforced there would be no trouble and no occasion for this meeting. The ordinance passed in 1896 requires the pushcarts to stand at least five feet apart, not nearer to a fire hydrant than ten feet nor nearer to a church or school than a hundred feet. On Rivington street and many other streets you can find them jammed against one another for blocks. They are a menace. If they can't be abolished they should be restricted." If they can't be abolished they should be Police Commissioner McAdoo had been

asked to attend the meeting, but could not. He requested another conference next Wednesday night. Inspector Schmitt-berger represented the Police Department, berger represented but said nothing.

AVENGED THEIR FATHER.

The Ellingsworth Brothers Shot in an Attack on Theodore Crater.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 30 .- Theodore Crater, chief engineer of the Somerset Woollen Mills, at Raritan, was assaulted tonight, as he was leaving the mill, by William and Denton Ellingsworth, the sons of George Ellingsworth, a superintendent of

Crater was knocked down and kicked about the head and face. While lying on the

Crater was knocked down and kicked about the head and face. While lying on the ground he drew a revolver and shot both of his assailants. William Ellingsworth received a bullet in the knee and Denton was shot through the hand. The brothers continued to pound Crater after they were shot. Crater was afraid of shooting some of the 500 mill operatives who gathered about him during the assault and did not fire at his assailants again.

He was rescued in a badly battered condition with his head and face severely cut. The Ellingsworth brothers say they attacked Crater to avenge an assault which he committed on their aged father in the woollen mills this morning.

It is known that Supt. Ellingsworth, who has just returned from a trip to Euroge, entered the engine room of the mills this morning and had a quarrel with Engineer Crater. It is alleged that Crater ejected Ellingsworth from the room and struck him in the face. When Ellingsworth's sons heard of the assault on their father they threatened to have revenge. Crater heard of their threats this afternoon. He left the mill and bought a revolver. The brothers were waiting for him at the mill gates to-night and he was knocked down before he had a chance to draw his revolver. Crater was assisted to Justice Kitchen's court to-night, where he swore nevolver. Crater was assisted to Justice Kitchen's court to-night, where he swore out a warrant for the arrest of the brothers.

Secretary Taft's Stumping Tour.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30. -Secretary War Taft will leave Washington to-night to deliver a series of campaign speeches in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maryland. The Secretary in-tends to return to Washington about Oct. 16 to spend a week before starting out on another speechmaking tour.

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WEAK CASE AGAINST GOSLIN.

PERJURY CHARGE. Another Hearing in the Bankruptey Case

WITNESS FAILS TO SUPPORT THE

of the American Finance and Mortgage Company-Efforts to Bring Geslin In Are Not Altogether a Success. Another hearing was held yesterday in the long drawn out proceedings in bank-ruptcy against the American Finance and

Mortgage Company before Referee J. J. Alfred R. Goslin, the hero of the B. R. T. raid of 1900, is now awaiting trial for perjury in connection with this case. In the course of the proceedings he swore that he had never passed as "William H. Spencer," the nominal head of the concern whereas other witnesses swore that he did and that he was the only William H. Spencer

connected with the corporation. C. M. Dunn, manager of the Goslin offices, testified that Goslin telephoned to the Eastern Trust Company and said: is William H. Spencer," adding that he would send over the certificates of 100 shares of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul stock for a loan. Thereupon, he said, Goslin hung up the receiver, signed the name of William H. Spencer on one of the Eastern Trust Company's slipe and filled in the figures \$12,500. Goslin contends that Frederick W. Jobelman, who was in business with him, was the real William

H. Spencer. Dunn was the only witness examined esterday, and his testimony was evidently surprise to Henry C. Quimby, attorney for the creditors of the defunct concern. who had put him on the stand. He had hoped to establish Goslin's connection with the American Finance and Mortgage Company through Dunn, but the witness would not admit that he had been present when Goslin, Jobelman and William H. Shaeffer,

not adm't that he had been present when Goslin, Jobelman and William H. Shaeffer, another of the company's alleged dummes had discussed the affairs of the concern and a division of the profits, nor would he say he had overheard such a conversation, although Mr. Quimby was putting questions to him from an affidavit which Dunn had previously made.

At this stage of the proceedings Lawyer Lippman, of counsel for Goslin, said he was considering the advisability of making a motion to have his client excluded from any further connection with the case. Lawyer Quimby said he himself was thinking of doing the same thing.

Upon cross-examination Dunn testified that he had been in the employ of Lawyer Quimby for several weeks as a process server and collector of accounts at \$10 a week. He had a desk in the office, to which Jobelman also had a key. He said that he had been present when Mr. Quimby and Jurden Seeley, a lawyer whom Mr. Quimby had retained, talked about the case of the Finance and Mortgage company. He sdmitted that Mr. Seeley had given him \$25.

Q. What did he give it to you for? A. Oh, e just gave it to me. He did not tell me

Did you have any arrangement with Quimby? A. None, except that I got I for the work I did in his office.

Did you have an arrangement with any-y concerning this case? A. Seeley said he ld divide with me if he made anything out of it.
Q. Did you understand that there was an arrangement whereby toomin, by paying a certain sum, was to have his name withdrawn from the case? A. Seeley said something to that effect.

Q. Were you to get part of that money?

A. I don't know. Seeley said he would divide

at least one check with the name of William H. Spencer. He said he knew that one of these checks was drawn when Goslin was in Europe, but that he did not see Jobelman

sign it.

"As a matter of fact," said Lawyer Lipp-man, "didn't Jobelman use the name of Spencer long before he met Goslin and didn't

he borrow money under it?"
"Don't recollect," replied the witness.
Dunn was also questioned again about
the rubber stamps which he had said Geslin the rubber stamps which he had said Geslin had ordered him to have made on Arril 1, 1903. One of these stamps read, "Pay to the order William H. Spencer, American Finance and Mortgage Co.," and the other, "Pay to the order of any bank, banker or trust company, William H. Spencer." The witness identified several checks on which these stamps had been used by Geslin.

ELECTRICIANS AFTER PEACE. Sent to the Employers a Letter to See How the Land Lies.

It was said at the Building Trades Club yesterday that a letter had been received by the Electrical Contractors' Association from Electrical Workers' Union No. 3, which has been locked out, notifying the contractors that there are a number of candidates for membership in the union and that they would be examined as to their

qualifications next week. Before the lockout all candidates for admission to the union were examined at stated intervals by an examination board composed equally of members of the employers and employees.

As the Electrical Contractors' Association As the Electrical Contractors Association is employing members of a new union organized under the arbitration agreement and will no longer recognize : o. 3, this letter was considered to be a feeler on the part of the old union to see how the land lay. It was decided not to reply to it. The strike of the stonecutters has been extended to nearly all the yards and will delay a general settlement. After a few weeks it will throw idle a number of men in other trades.

BOLOGNA BUILDERS STRIKE. sausage Famine Fredicted by the Unions -All Over Open Shop.

The bologna makers' unions of Manhattan and Brooklyn carried out their threat last night and ordered a general strike of the bologna builders in the two boroughs. The strike is against the open shop, and according to the unions every variety of sausage will be scarce and dear The bologna manufacturers talk dif-ferently and say that if it comes to the wurst they can get all the men they want. In fact, they say that in anticipation of a strike they have been bringing men to New

York from other cities.

The strike was decided on at a meeting The strike was decided on at a meeting of delegates from 165 shops in Manhattan and Brooklyn at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East Fourth street, last night. Committees were appointed to visit the employers to-day and see if individuals will renew an agreement to recognize the unions. Pickets were appointed to persuade non-union men from filling the strikers' places.

The Eruption of Vesuvius.

The eruption of Vesuvius is apparently ended, according to cable advices received by Thomas Cook & Son, who are the owners of the Vesuvius Railway. Practically no damage has been sustained by the railway.

CUT OUT THE SUBWAY JUNKET

NAY, NAY, SAY MAYOR AND GROUT TO THE \$50,000 PLAN.

The City Has Other, Uses for Its Bonds —Beard of Estimate Talks Hesitatingly of Letting the Aldermen Play With 88,000, and Then Won't Give That.

There will be no \$50,000 celebration at the city's expense over the opening of the subway. The Aldermen's appropriation of that amount for the jubilation was relentlessly thrown out by the Board of Esti-mate yesterday. The Aldermen won't get cent of public money either for flags, fireworks or champagne. If there is to be any celebration it will have to be paid for from some other source than the city's exchequer.

The committee of city fathers is sadly disappointed and makes no pretence of hiding it. Following out the usual Aldermanic idea, the committee had planned to have fireworks, to send out thousands of engraved invitation cards to be kept as souve irs, to have a big display of flags and bunting, a big stand in City Hall Park from which addresses were to be made,

and, of course, a luncheon. When the Aldermen's resolution asking for an issue of \$50,000 special revenue bonds

for an issue of \$50,000 special revenue bonds was brought up at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Estimate, Comptroller Grout started fire on it.

"The request for so large a sum is simply absurd," said the Comptroller. "Moreover, I believe that the kind of celebration the people want is to have a real rapid transit line opened where they can ride for five cents. Every dollar spent on such a celebration is practically thrown away, and every dollar for it is taken from some actual necessity.

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"We have already authorized \$1,924,000 revenue bonds against a limit of \$1,000,000. They do not become effective, however, until issued. We have issued against this amount \$641,000, and here is a list of people who may come in at any time and request us to issue bonds for proceedings

people who may come in at any time and request us to issue bonds for proceedings already authorized.

"We might reduce the amount," said President Fornes,

"Yes, I think we might reduce it by forty or forty-five thousand dollars," remarked Mayor McClellan.

"I move that \$5,000 be authorized," said the Comptroller. "I think that will be sufficient to cover the expense of formally turning over the subway. I disagree with the plan prepared by the committee. They have provided for the decoration of the City Hall, the decoration of the City Hall, the decoration of the city Hall Park, for fire-works, speeches, luncheons and the like. I think there should be simple, dignified ceremonies between the Mayor of the city. President Orr of the Rapid Transit Commission and the president of the railroad. I do not see any necessity for carriages and skyrookets and free lunch."

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Somebody reminded Mr. Grout that \$19,000 had been spent on the opening of the Williamsburg Bridge.
"I think that was ill spent, and I would not have voted for it under any circumstances other than those surrounding it at the time," replied the Comptroller.

"I will say right here," remarked the Mayor, "that I will not vote for \$50,000 or \$25,000.

Mayor, "that I will not vote for \$50,000 or \$25,000.
"I want to add," said Mr. Grout, "that when the bills for the Williamsburg Bridge were audited they were cut down. I remember one that was cut in two."

There were motions and counter motions. On the motion to authorize \$50.000 Presidents Ahearn, Cassidy and Haffen voted in the affirmative, but all the rest in the negative. Finally the secretary was directed to get from the Aldermen a detailed statement of the cost.

Aldern en Richter and Dou II, who are at the head of the committee, said later that they would do nothing more in the matter, becar se there would not be time to prepare for a celebration even should the Board of Estimate appropriate money at its meeting next week.

WM. WALDORF ASTOR SAILS. Departs for Europe on the Celtie-Talks

of New York's Future. William Waldorf Astor was a passenger ard the White Star liner Celtic, which sailed yesterday for Queenstown and Liverpool. The reporters apparently were the only persons interested in seeing him off. was not reticent. He said that the only object of his visit to New York was to see about his real estate holdings, but that incidentally he had found out a few things about his native land in this vicinity.

He had taken trolley rides all about the He had taken trolley rides all about the metropolitan district and is under the impression that New York is in its infancy as a real estate mart. He denied the story that he intended to become a member of the Christian Science Church, but admitted that he had made an investigation of the subject of Christian Science.

Other passengers by the Celtic were:

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R. E. Croupton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N.
Doubleday, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hale, Mr.
and Mrs. F. W. Menvies, Mr. and Mrs. John
A. Milholland, Mrs. C. J. Potter, Mr. and
Mrs. William L. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. John
Galbraith Taylor, Col. F. A. Whitehead and
Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson. Voyagers by the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha, off to-day for London:

A. E. Ashe, Keith Benham, Prof. F. O. Bower, the Rev. Herbert S. Hastings, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Post, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Potter, Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woodward and Dr. and Mrs. E. Bradner White.

Aboard the Red Star liner Kroonland which sails to-day for Dover and Antwerp,

are:
Prof. Paul Boyer, William E. Carr. the
Rev. J. Merl Davis and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Frederick Elias, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Leavitt. the
Baron and Baroness le Pine, Emile Vanderveide, Henry Carton de Wiart and Mr.
and Mrs. Alfred Hirsh. Sailing by the Cunarder Umbria, for Queenstown and Liverpool: Mr. and Mrs. W. Waters Butler, Alexander C. Campbell, the Rev. T. L. Jones, Mrs. Helen Osborne, Thomas Seton Jevons, Sydney Olivier, J. A. Thomas, M. P., and the Rev. and Mrs. Chetwode Hamilton.

Passengers by the American liner St. Paul, which sails to-day for Southampton: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Dugro, J. A. Hinckley, G. O. V. Lindgren, Grace Rawlings Richards, Percy Wyndham, Secretary of the British Embassy at Washington, and T. W. Riker.

ARRIVALS ON LA SAVOIE. M. Brentano Comes to Lecture on "The

Funck-Brentano, who went blind in his

researches in the records of the Bastile

Man in the Iron Mask."

arrived lasts evening aboard the French liner La Savoie, from Havre. He will lecture here under the auspices of the Alliance Français and James Hazen Hyde. He will talk of the identity of the "Man in the Iron Mask," who, he declares, was the secretary of the Duke of Mantua.

Other passengers by the Savoie were Yves Guyot, formerly Minister of Commerce of France, five members of the Municipal Council of Paris, who want to know how the Americans run their cities; Galielo Vannutelli, nephew of two famous Cardinals of the same name; James Hazen Hyde, who was taken from the liner at Quarantine, and thirty-six members of the French Comedy Company, which will Legin a season of four week; at the American Theatre a week from Monday under the auspices of F. Cazelles.

M. Guyot achieved celebrity as an ad-Man in the Iron Mask," who, he declares,

of F. Cazelles.

M. Guyot achieved celebrity as an advocate of the cause of Dreyfus and as an ardent champion of the cause of the United States in the Spanish-American war. He

Betting 10 to 8 on Herrick.

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cal bet of importance taken up was one of \$1,000 to \$800 on Herrick.

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AMERICAN MAIL STOLEN. Taken From an Express Train Between Paris and Havre.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, Sept. 30.—Nearly one hundred bags containing mail bound for New York were stolen from an express train between Paris and Havre last night.

The sacks were cut open and the thieves obtained a large quantity of plunder. The train left the St. Lazare station at 11:35 o'clock on Thursday night and was due to arrive at Havre at 5:06 o'clock this morning. There were two mail vans in the train, one occupied by scrters, and the other by the American mail from France, Spain, Italy, Egypt and India. Nobody travelled in the latter car, the door of which

Spain, Italy, Egypt and India. Notody travelled in the latter car, the door of which was fastened only with a padlock. This lack of precaution was extraordinary, as a week ago a lock was wrenched from the car during its run to Havre, indicating an attempt to rob it.

When the train arrived at Rouen the car was opened to deposit more n all in it. It was then found that about a hundred mail bags had been ripped open and emptied of their contents. The floor was littered with the remnants of torn letters and registered packets. It is supposed that the thieves travelled on the train and reached the mail van by walking along the footboard. There is no clue to their identity It is understood that part of the mail was consigned to England.

The New York post office authorities have heard nothing about the robbery. The mail, it is explained here, was not yet in charge of American postal clerks.

LADY CURZON IMPROVES. Physicians Report Her Condition New as

Favorable. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 30 .- A bulletin issued this morning at Walmer Castle said that Lady Curzon passed a quiet night and was somewhat better. Her condition this afternoon was reported to be favorable.

A bulletin issued this evening says that Lady Curzon passed a very comforts le day. Inquirers at Walmer Castle noticed marked hopefulness there, suggesting the belief that the crisis has passed. Dr. Cheyne returned to London to-day, but will Cheyne returned to London to-day, but will return to the castle. The other doctors remain with the patient.

The steamer Vaderland is expected at Dover on Sunday night. Among her rassengers are Mrs. Leiter, lady Curzon's mother, and her sister, who will be taken to the castle by a special train. It is believed that they must have already learned of the improvement in the patient's condition by means of wireless messages from

dition by means of wireless messages from RUSSIA URGING TIBET ON. Tokio Believes Czar Is Behind Protest

Over British Treaty. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN TOKIO, Sept. 30 .- Telegrams from Pekin ontinue to affirm that the Russians are inciting the Tibetans in their protest to China against the Anglo-Tibetan treaty. These protests have resulted in China instructing its representative at Lhasa to insist on a re-

its representative at these whists on a revision of the treaty
Kawaguchi, a lapanese priest who made
the perilous journey through Tibet in 1902,
will start on another trip to that country tomorrow. This time he goes under British protection. Mrs. James Brown Potter's Fallure. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 30.-Mrs. James Brown Potter will to-morrow withdraw the play

"The Golden Light," which proved such a

dismal failure when it was produced at the Savoy Theatre last night. OBITUARY.

Burton Freene died in the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn, last Wednesday of heart failure resulting from an operation for the removal of cancer. He was born in McGrawville, N. Y., in 1862, nis father being a descendant of Dr. John Greene, who was associated with Roger Williams in the founding of a colony in Rhode Island. He worked on the Chicago Times, the Buffalo Courier, the New York Tritune, the Evening Post and the Journal of Commerce. He was associated for some time with Mrs. Martha J. Lamb in conducting the Magazine of American History. In 1882 he became businesse manager of Electricity, and later was one of its editors. He retired in 1896. He was regarded as an authority on questions involving the use of electricity of commercial purposes. He is survived by a wife and three daughters. The funeral was held last night from his home. 118 Clinton avenue. Brooklyn.

Frank W. Ofelot, who died on Wednesday at his home, 183 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, in his sixty-eighth year, was the inventor of the first naphths launch and the first alcovapor launch. He and his sons, Frank and Ernest, had been engaged in building automobiles and launches at the foct of I wenty-fifth street, Brooklyn. Mr. Ofelot came from Sweden thirty-five years ago.

Patrick J. Nulty, chief clerk in the City Treasurer's office at Newark, died at his home on Thursday night of Bright's disease. He had been in the treasury department for a dozen years. He is survived by a wife and taree children. Mr. Nulty was brought here from Irsland when a buby. He was nearly 37 years old when he died.

L. Lehnberg, Sr., the head of the leatner manufacturing firm of L. Lehnberg & Son of Newark, died at his home in Irvington, N. J., on Thursday night, aged 71 years. He is survived by a wife and three some

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EXPLOSION IN FLAT HOUSE.

Story of Bomb Follows Fire in Which Lonely Woman Was Very Badly Burned. A fire which broke out early yesterday morning on the top floor of a four story flat house at 1591 Lexington avenue caused an explosion which partly wrecked the upper part of the building and started a rumor of bomb throwing which frightened the entire neighborhood. Miss Mary Pabb, living on the top floor, was cut off by the flames and so badly burned before being rescued that her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Margaret Brogan, who lived in the apartment opposite Miss Pabb was slightly burned while rescuing her children. The

other tenants were aroused by the explosion and escaped without difficulty.

Mrs. Brogan first ran into the hall, but she found that the flames had cut off exit by the stairs. The fire escape in the rear was free, however, and she carried down her two youngest children by it while her husband and their two older children made their way unassisted.

Miss Pabb was unable to reach the fire escape leading from the rear window of escape leading from the rear window of her rooms. When the firemen appeared she was standing in a window on the 101st

she was standing in a window on the lufus street side preparing to jump. A stream of water was turned on the window where she stood and two firemen of Truck 13 ran up on scaling ladders and carried her to safety. She had been badly burned about the upper part of the body. She is at the Harlem Hospital.

Miss Pable had lived in the house but & short time and was apparently friendless. Miss Pabb had lived in the house but a short time and was apparently friendless. She kept very much to herself and this excited the curiosity of the other tenants. Out of this condition grew the story that she was hiding from enemies who planted a bomb to injure her and so started the fire. That there was an explosion is certain, for it awakened the neighbors and shook the surrounding buildings. It is not clearly accounted for, but the firemen think the cause was a gas jet in the hall which had been melted, apparently soon after the fire started, and from which the gas was escaping.

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